

[SIDBI Exam 2016]

Current affairs: August notes

- 1) Indian **Sundar Pichai** is appointed as new CEO of Google.
- 2) Airtel commercially launches India's first 4G services across 290 cities
- 3) Taj Mahal becomes 1st monument in the world to have Twitter account **@TajMahal**
- 4) 1974 Land Border Agreement between India and Bangladesh came into effect
 - 51 Bangladeshi enclaves situated at Indian soil in Coochbehar District of West Bengal amalgamated with India
 - 111 Indian enclaves in Bangladeshi territory integrated with that country.
- 5) The two banks which the RBI has identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs), requiring these banks to keep aside additional capital to cover risk- **SBI and ICICI Bank**
- 6) The road in New Delhi which has been renamed after the former President APJ Abdul Kalam- **Aurangzeb Road**
- 7) The team which has won the 2015 Pro Kabaddi League tournament defeating Bengaluru Bulls in the finals- **U Mumba**

- 8) The country which has opened its embassy in Tehran, Iran four years after it was closed in 2011 following storming by protesters during a demonstration against sanctions- **Great Britain**
- 9) The airport in Kerala which has become the first in the world to be powered totally by solar energy- **Kochi (Cochin International Airport Ltd)**
- 10) The theme of World Humanitarian Day observed on 19 August 2015- **Inspiring the World's Humanity**
- 11) The mobile wallet app launched by State Bank of India in collaboration with Accenture and MasterCard, which can be used to send money to new and registered customers, book movies, flights, hotels as well as for shopping is named- **SBI buddy**
- 12) The private sector bank which has launched the first of its kind fully automated digital locker named Smart Vault, available to customers even on weekends and post banking hours- **ICICI Bank**
- 13) The Spanish badminton player who has won the 2015 BWF World Badminton Championship women's singles title defeating Saina Nehwal from India in the finals (The men's title was won by Chen Long of China)- **Carolina marin**
- 14) The country which has switched to a new time zone, turning its clocks back by 30 minutes to mark its liberation from the Japanese at the end of WW2- **North Korea**
- 15) The new name of Agriculture Ministry as announced by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi- **Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Ministry**

16) The African country which has been recognized by International Olympic Committee to participate in 2016 Olympics thus become the 206th member of the Olympic Games- **South Sudan**

17) Swachh Bharat Rankings - 476 cities

Rank City

1. Mysore
2. Thiruchirapalli
3. Navi Mumbai
4. Kochi
5. Hassan
473. Bhiwani (Haryana)
474. Palwal (Haryana)
475. Bhind (M.P.)
476. Damoh (M.P.)

18) Pakistan becomes Associate Member State of **CERN**

- CERN, the world's largest and most prestigious center for science research.

19) 193 UN Members Reached Agreement on Sustainable Development Agenda

- “Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” is the new Sustainable Development agenda for next 15 years till 2030.

20) Mathematician **Dr. Amalendu Krishna** wins 2015 Ramanujan Prize

21) **Novak Djokovic** appointed as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador

22) Vassiliki Thanou sworn in as first female Prime Minister of Greece

- She was the President of Greece's Supreme Court

23) **PAHAL** scheme is recognized in the Guinness Book of World Records

- The Central Govt's Pratyaksha Hastaantarit Laabh (PAHAL) scheme is recognized as the world's largest cash transfer program (households).

- PAHAL was launched in 2013 as Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme for LPG subsidy

24) Kerala declared India's **1st "Digital State"**

25) **Veerapa Moily** awarded Saraswati Sammaan 2014

- The Saraswati Sammaan was established in 1991 by the **KK Birla Foundation**.

26) First Lady of India, **Suvra Mukherjee** passes away.

27) Railway man **Ashwani Lohani** to head Air India Ltd.

- Currently he is the MD of Madhya Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation

28) **Amol Palekar** appointed as Chairman of India's Oscar jury.

- He will head the 17-member jury panel which will select the Indian films official entry in the best foreign film category of the 88th Academy Awards which will be held in Los Angeles in February 2016.

29) Airtel acquires **YTS Solutions** to boost wallet services

30) **BNP Paribas** to acquire broking firm **Sharekhan**

- French global financial services group Banque Nationale de Paris (BNP) Paribas to acquire retail brokerage firm Sharekhan.

31) **McCann** bags "Incredible India" ad campaign

- The US based company bagged Tourism Ministry's Incredible India ad campaign for three years.
- Current campaign is advertised by Ogilvy India

32) Accenture India appoints **Rekha Menon** as Chairperson.

33) Newly appointed MD & CEOs of Public Sector Banks

Bank of Baroda - P.S. Jayakumar

Bank of India - M.O. Rego

Canara Bank - Rakesh Sharma

IDBI Bank Ltd - Kishore Kharat Piraji

Punjab National Bank - Smt. Usha Ananthasubramanian

34) **11 Payment Banks-** Reserve Bank granted in-principle approval to the following to set up payment banks

1. Aditya Birla Nuvo Ltd
2. Cholamandalam Distribution Services Ltd
3. Fino PayTech Ltd
4. Reliance Industries Ltd
5. Vijay Shekhar Sharma

6. Vodafone m-pesa Ltd
7. Airtel M Commerce Services Ltd
8. Department of Posts
9. National Securities Depository Lt
10. Dilip Shantilal Shanghvi
11. Tech Mahindra Ltd

35) **Bandhan Bank**

First private bank in 11 years to commence operations was inaugurated by the FM Shri Arun Jaitley on 23.08.15.

Founder, MD and CEO - Chandra Shekhar Ghosh

Chairman - Ashok Lahiri

Branches - 501 branches, Service centres - 2022 service centres, ATMs - 50 across 24 states

Headquarters - Kolkata

Slogan - Aapka Bhalai, Sabki Bhalai

36) Sports Awards

a) **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna - Ms Sania Mirza**

b) **Dronacharya Award 2015 –**

1. Swatantra Raj Singh (boxing),
2. Nihar Ameen (swimming),
3. Harbans Singh (athletics)
4. Naval Singh (javelin) and Anoop Singh (wrestling).

c) Dhyanchand Award 2015 –

1. Romeo James (Hockey),
2. Shiv Prakash Misra (Tennis)
3. T.P. Padmanabham Nair

d) Arjuna Awards 2015 –

1. P R Sreejesh (hockey),
2. Dipa Karmakar (gymnastics),
3. Jitu Rai (shooting),
4. Sandeep Kumar (archery),
5. Mandeep Jangra (boxing),
6. Babita Kumari (wrestling),
7. Bajrang (wrestling),

8. Rohit Sharma (cricket),
9. K Srikanth (badminton),
10. Swarn Singh Virk (rowing),
11. S. Satish Kumar (weightlifting),
12. Yumnam Santhoi Devi (wushu),
13. Sharath Gaekwad (para-swimming),
14. M R Poovamma (athletics),
15. Manjeet Chhillar (kabaddi),
16. Abhilasha Mhatre (kabaddi)
17. Anup Kumar Yama (rollerskating).

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